GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INDUCTION OF MISSILES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has recently test fired a new missile of Agni series;

(b) if so, the striking range of Agni series missiles;

(c) whether the Government are contemplating to increase the strike range of Agni missiles;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which these missiles are likely to be inducted in the Army?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir. India has tested Agni-I missile system on 25th January, 2002.

(b) to (d): Agni-I has a range of 800 km and Agni-II has a range of 2000 km.The Defence Research & Development organisation (DRDO) is working on design and development, leading to production of `Agni` ballistic missile system based on strategic requirement of Indian Armed Forces.It has always been an endeavour of DRDO scientists to improve capability of the missile systems keeping in view security requirements of the nation.

(e) Agni-II missile has entered production phase and is under induction.